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FOR AMBASSADOR LOW

E.O. 11652:XGDS-1

TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL HELP FROM
MUZOREWA

1. TOM CURTIS MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM JUNE 30 AND
INTER ALIA PRESENTED A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY FROM BISHOP
MUZOREWA ASKING FOR DOLS 5,000,000 "BY JULY" TO HELP THE
UANC FIGHT THE UPCOMING ELECTION. THE BISHOP ALSO REQUESTED
DOLS 250,000 IN IMMEDIATE AID TO BE DEPOSITED IN HIS NEW
YORK ACCOUNT OR SENT BACK TO RHODESIA VIA CURTIS.

2. AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, YOU SHOULD GET IN TOUCH
WITH THE BISHOP AND ADVISE HIM THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED HIS
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, BUT THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO COMPLY
WITH IT. AS WE HAVE TOLD HIS REPRESENTATIVES (AND THOSE OF
OTHER NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS) IN RESPONSE TO SIMILAR REQUESTS

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IN THE PAST, IF THE U.S. WERE TO SUPPORT ONE NATIONALIST
GROUP WE WOULD BE ABANDONING THE NEUTRAL STANCE WHICH WE
BELIEVE IS FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE
A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. WE WOULD IN
EFFECT BECOME A PARTY TO THE CONFLICT RATHER THAN A PARTY TO
THE EFFORT TO SOLVE IT. WE MUST THEREFORE TURN DOWN HIS
PLEA FOR FINANCIAL AID. VANCE

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